(d) whether South Central Railways will periodically review the prevalent system of grievance redressal of passengers; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) , (d) and (e) The complaints and representations addressed to the General Manager/Additional General Manager are acknowledged and each case is investigated. Appropriate remedial action is taken where necessry and the complainant is advised of action taken. Outstanding grievances are periodically reviewed. Special Monitoring Cells have also been set up to receive grievances relating to punctuality, passenger amenities and catering at Ministry, zonal and divisional levels.

(c) No, Sir.

Organisation of first vehicle pollution awareness camp in Delhi

3109. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether first vehicle pollution awareness camp was organised in New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the drive has achieved the desired results;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to organise such camps in all major cities of the country in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) The Transport Department of Government of Delhi in association with automobile manufacturers has organised free pollution checking camps during the current year. In addition, the transport Department, Government of Delhi, in association with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), also organised street plays and seminars to raise public awareness on the various aspects of vehicular pollution.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. More than 70,000 motorists availed of the free checking facility. The holding of seminars and street plays have helped raise social consciousness about vehicular pollution.

(e) and (f) The respective Transport Departments could organise similar camps, in association with the automobile manufacturers and NGOs, in the major cities in their States.

Action plan for fisheries cooperatives and insurance cover for fishermen in Maharashtra

3110. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for developing fisheries cooperatives and insurance cover for the fishermen in the State of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The Government had set up the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with a view to plan, promote, coordinate and finance cooperative development programmes in the country including promotion and development of fisheries cooperatives. During the year 1996-97, the NCDC has allocated an amount of Rs. 6.60 crores for the State of Maharashtra for assisting fisheries cooperatives including Rs. 2.50 corers towards assisting Integrated Reservoir Fisheries Develop-

ment Projects. NCDC has so far released an amount of Rs. 4.56 crores to the Government of Maharashtra. In addition the Government of India is also giving financial assistance to National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd. which is involved in coordination and promotion of fishing industry in the country through cooperatives. The Group Accident Insurance Component of the Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme provides for insurance cover to the fishermen in case of death, permanent disability and temporary disability. Under the scheme the fishermen are insured for Rs. 25,000/- for one year against death or permanent disability and for Rs. 12,500/- against partial disability. The cost of annual premium is shared equally between the Central Government and the State Governments. The Government of Maharashtra is, however, not participating in the Group Accident Insurance Component of the Scheme and is instead implementing a scheme called State Fishermen Relief Fund under which a compensation of Rs. 25,000/- is paid to the legal heir of the fishermen in case of his death. The amount of compensation has been enhanced by the State Government from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- from September, 1996 onwards.

Improvement in Railway Time Table

3111. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Time Tables are not geared to easy reading by the travelling public;

(b) whether it is a fact that no changes have been made in the format of time table for the last five years;

(c) whether any effort been made to make the time table consumer friendly; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Improvement in the format, content, presentation and readability of the Time Tables is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Streamlining of tables with separate tables for Express and Passenger trains, Station index and Table index contribute to better and easier reference of the Time Table. Considerable uniformity in the format and presentation of information has been done in the Zonal Railway Time Tables during last few years. For ready reference the list of cities having computerised reservation facilities has been included in the Trains at a Glance. Every effort has been made to delete irrelevant information which make the Time Tables bulky and cumbersome. To improve readability for the user separate colour tubes to distinguish Rajdhani/Shatabdi, Superfast and other Express trains has been started on an experimental basis for October 96 issue of Trains at a Glance on certain zonal railways.

Increase in the capacity of Gas based Fertilizer Plants

3112. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to double the capacities of gas based fertilizer plants at Jagdishpur and Anunla in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which additional gas is likely to be allocated to these plants so as to enable them to double their capacities as planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS